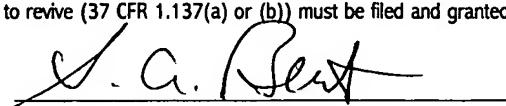


TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>081356-0266</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/IP2005/003239</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.51) <b>Unassigned</b>
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>02/21/2005</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>02/20/2004</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>SHEATH REMOVAL HOLE CLOSING DEVICE USING LASER WELDING SCHEME</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Tsunenori ARAI et al.</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.	
2. <input type="checkbox"/>	This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.	
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.	
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The US has been elected (Article 31).	
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))	
	<input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)	
6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).	
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))	
	<input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).	
	<input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.	
8. <input type="checkbox"/>	An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).	
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).	
10. <input type="checkbox"/>	An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).	
Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:		
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.	
12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.	
13. <input type="checkbox"/>	A preliminary amendment.	
14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.	
15. <input type="checkbox"/>	A substitute specification.	
16. <input type="checkbox"/>	A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.	
17. <input type="checkbox"/>	A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825	
18. <input type="checkbox"/>	A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).	
19. <input type="checkbox"/>	A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).	
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other items or information: Petition to Accept Color Photographs & PCT/ISA/210.	

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The following fees have been submitted:								
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee		\$300	\$ 300.00					
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)		\$100	\$ 200.00					
All other situations		\$200						
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority		\$100						
International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office		\$400						
All other situations		\$500	\$ 400.00					
TOTAL OF ABOVE 21, 22 and 23 =			\$ 900.00					
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$ for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.								
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE					
44 - 100 = 0	/50 = 0		x \$250.00	\$ 0.00				
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e))								
CLAIMS		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE				
Total Claims		26 - 20 = 6	x \$ 50.00	\$ 300.00				
Independent Claims		3 - 3 = 0	x \$ 200.00	\$ 0.00				
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$ 360.00	\$ 360.00				
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$ 1560.00				
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.		+		\$ 0.00				
SUBTOTAL = \$ 1560.00								
Petition Fee -- Photographic Drawings \$ 130.00								
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$ 1690.00								
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). 40.00 per property \$ 40.00								
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 1730.00								
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<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$1730.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>19-0741</u> in the amount of \$1730.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>19-0741</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>								
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.								
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:								
<p>Foley &amp; Lardner LLP Customer Number: 22428</p> <p> SIGNATURE Stephen A. Bent</p> <p>NAME 29,768</p> <p>REGISTRATION NUMBER Date: August 17, 2006</p>								